

IN THE CLAIMS

1-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) A method for allowing a user to post data about a category:

providing a web-accessible database modifiable by a user over a public network, said database including data entries posted by users of the database;

receiving a query over the public network from a user;

displaying to the user a web page responsive to the query, the web page including the data entries retrieved responsive to the query;

receiving a request from said user to update the category in which said web page is indexed in said web-accessible database;

verifying the authority of the user to modify the web page;

allowing the user to change the category of said web page to a user-specified category;

allowing the user to provide a description of the new category; and

automatically updating said web page, wherein said category description and data entries associated with said web page are associated with said user-specified category in said web-accessible database.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein said act of allowing the user to change the category of said web page to a user-specified category

further comprises allowing the user to define a new category in said web-accessible database.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein said data entries include non-textual content.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said non-textual content comprise graphics.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising the act of allowing said user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising the act of allowing said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising the act of said allowing user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database.

32. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for allowing a user to post data about a category:

web-accessible database means modifiable by a user over a public network, said web-accessible database means including data entries posted by

users of the database;

means for receiving a query over the public network from a user;

means for displaying to the user a web page responsive to the query, the web page including the data entries retrieved responsive to the query;

means for receiving a request from said user to update the category in which said web page is indexed in said web-accessible database;

means for verifying the authority of the user to modify the web page;
means for allowing the user to change the category of said web page to a user-specified category;

means for allowing the user to provide a description of the new category;
and

means for automatically updating said web page, wherein said category description and data entries associated with said web page are associated with said user-specified category in said web-accessible database.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, further comprising means for allowing the user to define a new category in said web-accessible database.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 32, wherein said data entries include non-textual content.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein said non-textual content comprise graphics.

36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 35, further comprising means for allowing said user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising means for allowing said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database.

38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising means for allowing of said user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database.

39. (Currently Amended) A web server for allowing a user to post data about a category:

~~a web server;~~

a web server comprising a web-accessible database modifiable by a user over a public network associated with the web server, said web-accessible database including data entries posted by users of the database, the web server being configured to:

receive a query over the public network from a user;

display to the user a web page responsive to the query, the web page including the data entries retrieved responsive to the query;

receive a request from said user to update the category in which said web page is indexed in said web-accessible database;

verify the authority of the user to modify the web page;

allow the user to change the category of said web page to a user-specified category;

allow the user to provide a description of the new category; and

automatically update said web page, wherein said category description and data entries associated with said web page are associated with said user-specified category in said web-accessible database.

40. (Previously Presented) The web server of claim 39, further configured to allow the user to define a new category in said web-accessible database.

41. (Previously Presented) The web server of claim 39, wherein said data entries include non-textual content.

42. (Previously Presented) The web server of claim 41, wherein said non-textual content comprise graphics.

43. (Previously Presented) The web server of claim 42, further configured to allow said user to index said selected entry in said on-line database with at least one user-defined keyword.

44. (Previously Presented) The web server of claim 43, further configured to allow said user to add a URL to said entry in said on-line database.

45. (Previously Presented) The web server of claim 44, further configured to allow said user to add a hyperlink to said entry in said on-line database.